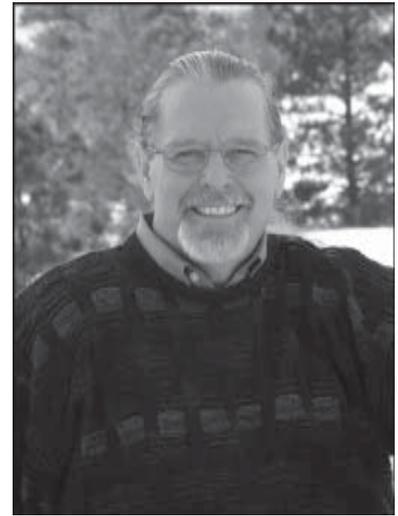


GROWING EDGES

March 2004

I thought you would like to know the themes we are hoping to cover in the *Perspectives* throughout 2004. In this, the winter issue, we will center on the biblical concept of **Wisdom**. At the beginning of a new year each of us truly needs all the understanding and discernment we can get for the living of these days. Then in the spring/summer we will focus on **Integrity**. This essay will be written by my Administrative Associate of twenty-two years, Lynda Graybeal, as she prepares for retirement this summer. In her roles with me and with RENOVARÉ since its birth, Lynda has had ample opportunity to practice integrity in the worlds of education, business, and non-profit organizations, and we look forward to her insights. Finally in the fall we will think together about **The Kingdoms of This World in Light of the Kingdom of God**. Hopefully this will give us some perspective on Christian civic responsibility, an important issue for all of us and especially so for our American readers who are in the midst of an election year.



THE STORED TREASURE OF HUMAN INSIGHT

I am so glad for the Wisdom Tradition found in Scripture. It does so many things for us:

- it roots us solidly in everyday life and everyday tasks;
- its pithy aphorisms and proverbs give us timeless, portable teachers for the multiple daily decisions that come our way;
- it reminds us that our choices really do have consequences and profoundly shape our lives;
- it allows us to learn from the mistakes of others without having to repeat those same mistakes;
- it gives us a basic moral orientation to guide us in all aspects of our day-in-day-out living; and more.

The Wisdom Tradition has given rise to a whole genre of literature found in our Bible; from Job to Proverbs to the Song of Solomon to the Wisdom Psalms to the Deuterocanonical books of Ecclesiasticus and the Wisdom of Solomon to many of the sayings in the New Testament Pastoral Epistles. Unfortunately, these writings have sometimes been devalued by Christians because they do not focus on the more dominant biblical theme of salvation history and because they sound an awful lot like the works of ancient pagan writers. But we reject this stored treasure of human insight to our peril. Indeed, our wholesale neglect of the Wisdom Tradition may well explain why we have so many foolish Christians today running after every conspiracy theory and succumbing to every propaganda technique.

VALUES OF THE WISDOM TRADITION

Let me give you four reasons why I find the Wisdom Tradition so valuable for us today. First, we really do need a strong dose of ordinary common sense in the modern scene today. I'm referring here to what an earlier generation called "horse sense" and what the ancients called "prudence." This is really nothing more than practical wisdom applied to life situations. One reason Dr. Phil on TV and Dr. Laura on the radio have touched such a nerve in the modern psyche is because they dish out exactly this kind of ordinary common sense, allowing for no excuses. And what astonishes me in all this is that people are so totally out of touch with the Wisdom Tradition that they are amazed as if hearing some original insight and are genuinely helped by such common sense counsel. Well, may their tribe increase a hundred-fold. People are so lost today in the most simple matters of managing their personal and family lives that we should rejoice whenever proverbs of good sense triumph, irrespective of their source.

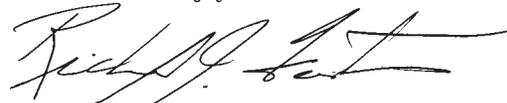
Second, focusing on the accumulated wisdom that comes from the ordinary experiences of ordinary people gives sacramental significance to the commonplace and the everyday. That faith will have the most meaning which touches common life redemptively at the most points. Genuine faith deals more with the home than with the church, more with the office than with the altar. If Christian witness is to gain a hold on the life of post-modern men and women, it must find ways of meeting people in the midst of their everyday experiences. And this will require a disciplined and sanctified imagination. The Wisdom Tradition can point the way.

Third, the Wisdom Tradition can help us deal with the information overload that plagues our daily lives. The Internet, hotlinks, e-mails, blogs, and more give us information by the ton. And there is nothing wrong with these things, but they cannot give us wisdom for living. No, we need times now and again when we will exit the information super-highway and turn onto wisdom's country lanes. Knowing more and more facts may well be what we want, but it's not what we need. And it's time we brought our "want-er" into line with our "need-er." Reflection . . . stillness . . . prayerful observation—these are the things that can teach us better how to live.

Fourth, the Wisdom Tradition stresses character development through moral education, and this is an important ingredient in the spiritual transformation of the human personality. To be sure, it is only one piece in a large and complicated puzzle. But it is a piece. Teaching people how to make wise choices is a good thing. A pithy saying that provides guidance in practical decision making is a good thing. Teachings that aid us in doing the right thing, for the right reason, at the right time, and in the right way is a good thing.

Like I said, this is not everything, nor is it even the most important thing. We most certainly must go on to understand how ingrained habits of evil can be eradicated by the power of God. We must go on to the sanctifying work of the Spirit in the human heart. We must go on to the development of holy habits of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. And more. But natural human wisdom is a foundation upon which these further developments of formation can build. Just because wisdom is "natural" and "human" does not place it in opposition to the divine work of God; it merely places it in a lower order. God does not contradict such wisdom, but presupposes it and builds the supernatural virtues of faith, hope, and love upon it.

Peace and joy,



Richard J. Foster

GROWING TOGETHER

Wisdom's lessons are found throughout Scripture and throughout life. Here are a few exercises to get you going.

— Find one to three sayings from the book of Proverbs that you can memorize and use to guide your decisions and actions for 2004. As an example you might want to take the counsel of Proverbs 15:1 ("A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.") and allow it to guide your interactions with every person at work this next year.

— Take a one day retreat to slowly read through the Song of Solomon. Pay close attention to its paean of praise to human love. Now consider why this most sensual and earthy book would be in our Bible, and what that says to us about the essential goodness of the

material world. D. Elton Trueblood in *The Common Ventures of Life* writes, "Christianity is the most avowedly materialistic of the great world religions. There are religions which are almost purely 'spiritual' in their outlook, largely ignoring the body and the whole material order, but the Christian faith is not one of them. According to the Gospel, the true function of the spirit is not to deny matter, but rather to glorify it. The Word, we believe, was made *flesh*." With this understanding consider your life and those around you. Prayerfully choose an action for this year that reflects your commitment to the goodness of the material world.

— Take into your heart and home the words of Proverbs 24:3-4, "By wisdom a house is built, / and by understanding it is established; / by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches." If you are married and have children, consider two applications of

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the proverb: one to your spouse and the other to your children. (Adjust the applications if you are single or without children.) What attitude and action of wisdom and understanding and knowledge would be appropriate for your spouse and for your children? An attitude and action of affirmation perhaps? Of tenderness? Or kindness? You decide. Then make it an attitude and action for the entire year.

— For a time watch what people do with a view to what gets them into trouble. Is it talking too much and speaking out of turn? How about impulsive decisions without regard for the consequences? Surely more things will crop up. Next, take one of these and see if you can compose a proverb that will help you avoid a similar situation. If you cannot make one up just skim through the book of Proverbs and no doubt you will find one already written

down that speaks to that situation. This then can become your personal proverb for avoiding trouble this year. At least that specific kind of trouble!

— Think about what keeps people today from following the counsels of wisdom. Are they too busy? Too distracted? Rebellious? Angry? And for you personally, are there corners of your life where wisdom's teaching needs to penetrate?

— Study the New Testament book of James. Do you find teachings in it that remind you of the Wisdom Tradition? Compare it with Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7). Do you see similarities of thought? Take one of the teachings and own it for yourself this year.

—Richard J. Foster

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Below is a selection taken from one of the essays that introduce the fifteen sections of the *RENOVARÉ Spiritual Formation Study Bible* which will be published in the spring of 2005. Written by RENOVARÉ Board Member and General Editor Gayle Beebe, the essay is titled “The People of God in Daily Life” and focuses on how wisdom literature can not only lead us to God but can instruct us in living the kind of life that is best for us.

“THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN DAILY LIFE”—GOD’S ACTION

In the biblical wisdom literature we find principles that govern daily living which, when rightly understood, can lead us to God. These principles, given by a loving God through the means of natural human wisdom, reveal God’s will for our lives and the way in which we can live harmoniously in the world. “The Proverbs of Solomon,” begins this famous book, are for learning “about wisdom and instruction” and for finding “the knowledge of God” (Prov. 1:2, 2:5, et al).

Through these passages God, much like a parent advising a child, reveals the patterns that help us gain an understanding of our own personal life (Prov. 4:11-12), work with one another (Prov. 15:1), and ultimately discover God himself (Prov. 2:5-11; 24:21-22). They emphasize normative patterns of living (Prov. 14). They teach us that joy and happiness, sorrow and despair are a direct result of the life we lead and the choices we make (Prov. 7:21-27). “Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but those who hate rebuke are stupid” (Proverbs 12:1). They represent a stored treasure of human experiences that reveal the wisdom and grace of God (Prov. 3:5-8).

These wisdom sayings ultimately lay the responsibility for the “good life” at our own feet where we exercise our God-given freedom to know and to serve him. “Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding . . . The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens . . . My child, do not let these escape from your sight” (Prov. 3:13, 19-21).

These Scriptures focus on the practical choices we make in life and the consequences that flow from these choices. In contrast to other parts of Scripture, they do not focus on the more dominant biblical theme of salvation history and its emphasis upon human sin and our need to become reconciled to God. As a result of this shift of emphasis, some people tend to diminish the importance of these teachings. But in neglecting this wisdom literature we fail to recognize the important and enduring contribution made by a tradition given for our practical instruction for a better life in the everyday world.

In pithy, clever, poetic, “catchy” sayings, these books emphasize a basic moral orientation that can guide us in all aspects of daily living (Prov. 2:1-4). Rather than being inflexible rules to answer every question and cover every detail of life, these sayings offer us the accumulated wisdom of human experience into how we can live ordinary life successfully. The writers’ confidence in life’s moral order gives rise to the cause-and-effect reasoning that dominates these Scriptures. If we are good, then good will befall us: “A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water” (Prov. 11:25). If we are evil, then evil will befall us: “Wisdom will not enter a deceitful soul or dwell in a body enslaved to sin . . .” (Wisdom of Solomon 1:4-6). The wisdom tradition of the Bible focuses on building character, promoting virtue, condemning vice, and teaching us ways in which we can do the right thing, for the right reason, at the right time, and in the right way.

To receive periodic e-mails containing varied preview readings from the text of the forthcoming *RENOVARÉ Spiritual Formation Study Bible*, submit your address to www.renovare.org. Look for the “submit” box at the bottom of our home page. (Even though you may have signed up at www.renovare.org to be notified when the *Perspective* and *Heart-to-Heart* publications are posted, you must *re-submit* your e-mail address to receive the *Study Bible* preview readings.)

Experience as a pastor of Friends churches and a teacher and administrator in an academic setting prepared **Gayle Beebe** to serve as president of Spring Arbor University. He is the author of “The Interpretive Role of the Religious Community in Friedrich Schleiermacher and Josiah Royce,” a chapter in the Festschrift *Truth’s Bright Embrace*, and periodical articles. Gayle and Pamela live in Spring Arbor, Michigan.



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NEGST and ACK are unable to fund this event fully. Therefore *RENOVARÉ* is helping raise \$15,000 to subsidize the trip. This will cover attendee registration costs, travel expenses, and speaker stipends. Can you give a \$10.00, \$25.00, or larger donation to help fund this important event? We would also appreciate your prayers for this opportunity.

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As Lynda Graybeal, the Administrator of *RENOVARÉ*, will be retiring on June 30, 2004, we will be interviewing for her replacement this spring. Some of Lynda’s responsibilities include:

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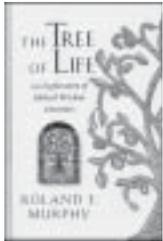
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Dear Friend,

We have before us a wonderful opportunity. ***On August 17-21, 2004, we will have the first of a series of bi-annual RENOVARÉ Covenant Retreats. This is something I have wanted to do for a long time.*** A retreat, of course, is a very different experience from a conference. With a conference we have a full schedule and place a high premium upon sharing crucial ideas and concepts. With a retreat, on the other hand, we enter a more relaxed pace and learn prayerfully to wait upon the Lord.

We have reserved a beautiful venue, the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado, right at the base of Rocky Mountain National Park. It has excellent facilities for the entire family, and throughout the day there will be full programs for children, youth, and adults. Then we will gather together in the evenings for extended worship and prayer ministry.

I have asked Pastor Joshua Choon Min Kang and Pastor Brian Kang to lead our Retreat. These two Korean leaders have so much to teach us about attending to God. I first met Joshua Choon Min Kang in a Korean worship service he was leading. I purposely went to the service without the aid of translation for I wanted to hear where words come from. And I saw Joshua's heart and how deeply his heart has been nurtured in the deep things of God. Years ago God had instructed me that the Korean people would be used by God to teach the Christian world about prayer and about sinking our lives into God. And Joshua is one of those who will teach us. He has written over a dozen books on the spiritual life, but since they are only in the Korean language you and I do not have access to them. But with this Retreat we can receive the teaching and the heart experience Joshua has to give us.

While Joshua speaks fine English, when I first approached him about our retreat he worried aloud to me concerning his facility with the language. I told him that, if necessary, we could translate for him, but that most of all I wanted people to see his heart. I will always remember his response, **"Yes, I do spend a lot of time nurturing my heart"**. It is this "heart nurture" that we need so desperately today and which you will experience under Pastor Kang's leadership.

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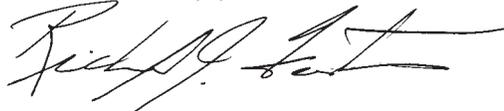
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Our RENOVARÉ Team will be in retreat with you. We will eat together and worship together. And, if you desire it, there will be an opportunity each afternoon for you to interact informally with different ones from our Team. If you have longed for that extended conversation with a Team member which Conference schedules don't really allow for, then this is your opportunity.

The theme for our Retreat is **"Abiding in Christ: Retreating for Remaining"**. It is, as you can tell, taken from the Gospel of John, chapter 15; Jesus' extended teaching on the vine and the branches. So, in one sense, we will be learning together how to become branches, how we can more fully receive our life from the True Vine—Jesus, our ever-living Savior, Teacher, Lord, and Friend.

This Retreat is a rare opportunity for all of us, and most especially for those who have made a commitment to our RENOVARÉ Covenant. Won't you join me and our RENOVARÉ Team and Pastor Joshua Choon Min Kang and Pastor Brian Kang? You will be glad you did.

Peace and joy,



Richard J. Foster

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Room and Lodging Information

YMCA Lodging rates include room and meals from dinner Tuesday, August 17, through lunch Saturday, August 21. Rates are per person based on the number of adults sharing a room. Children/youth ages 3-15 with parents are charged for meals only. Eastside Lodge rooms have 1 queen bed, 2 sets of bunk beds, and a shower. Wind River Lodge rooms have 2 queen beds, floor futon (if needed), full bath, and a balcony. Rooms accommodate four adults or a family of five or six. Sales tax of 3.7% is applicable on room charges. Check-in is 3:00 p.m.; check-out is 10:00 a.m. A 35% deposit is required, and it is nonrefundable if your reservation is canceled on or after June 17, 2004. The balance of YMCA charges is due at the retreat. If you register as a double, triple, or quad occupancy and do not list roommates, we will select roommates of the same gender for you. For those choosing to stay off-site at a campground or in an RV, you have two Room and Lodging Reservation options. *One* pay the mandatory YMCA Activity Fee and purchase the Tuesday evening to Saturday noon meal package for \$124. *Two* pay the YMCA Activity Fee of \$24 only and pay cash per meal at the YMCA dining hall (\$6 breakfast, \$8 lunch, \$11 dinner) or eat off-site. **Please call the YMCA at 970-586-3341, ext. 1021, with room and lodging questions.**